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SUBJECT : FARROKH CHEMICALS CLAIM

REFERENCE : (A) STATE 150942, (B) DACCA 3083

1. ECON COUNSELOR RECEIVED JULY 23 FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM FARROKH CAPTAIN: BEGIN TEXT: WAS INTENDING VISIT DACCA CURRENTLY BUT HAVE BEEN BLACKLISTED FOR VISA AND DENIED SAME WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DACCA HOME MINISTRY BY NEW YORK AND LONDON EMBASSIESB THIS IS INAPPROPRIATE METHOD PREVENTING ME PRESSING MY CLAIM. WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD REQUEST HOME SECRETARY TELEX APPROVAL FOR VISA ENABLING ME VISIT FIRST WEEK AUGUST. HAVE PERSONALLY ALSO CABLED HIM TABARAK AND INDUSTRIES SEPARATELY. PLEASE MEANWHILE SEND ME SIX SETS CLAIM FORMS FOR FOREIGNERS COMPENSATION AVAILABLE PAYMENT CELL INDUSTRIES MINISTRY. END TEXT.

2. ECON COUNSELOR THEN WROTE TO MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EAST ASIA, PACIFIC AND AMERICAS ASKING HOW MR. CAPTAIN MIGHT BEST PURSUE HIS CLAIM AND WHETHER THERE WERE ANY MEANS, WITHIN THE VISA POLICY OF THE BDG BY WHICH MR. CAPTAIN MIGHT PRESS THAT CLAIM WITHIN BANGLADZEH. ON AUGUST 2, REZAUL HOSSAIN, AMERICAS (INCLUDING USA) SECTION CHIEF, TELEPHONED TO SAY MFA HAD REFERRED TELEGRAM FROM FARROKH CAPTAIN AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY LETTER, TO MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS BUT HAD NOT YET HEARD BACK. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MFA WITHIN FEW DAYS.

3. ON AUGUST 2, EMBOFFS CALLED ON INDUSTRIES SECRETARY MAJD-UL-HUQ, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHO SAID HE HAD ALSO REFERRED MR. CAPTAIN'S TELEGRAM TO MFA. IN-

DUSTRIES SECRETARY SAID HE HAD "NO CLUE" AS TO WHY MR. CAPTAIN MIGHT HAVE BEEN REFUSED A VISA, AND THAT MFA WAS "PROPER OFFICE" FOR SUCH INQUIRY. AS FAR AS INDUSTRIES MINISTRY WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR MR. CAPTAIN TO APPEAR PERSONALLY TO PRESENT HIS CLAIM AND THAT MINISTRY WOULD TREAT CLAIM "AS SYMPATHETICALLY AS THOUGH HE WERE HERE." SECRETARY AGAIN ASSURED EMBOFFS THAT HE HAD REMOVED FARROKH CHEMICALS FROM LIST OF COMPANIES TO BE AUCTIONED BY BDG PENDING OPPORTUNITY FOR FARROKH CAPTAIN TO PRESENT HIS CLAIM.

4. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT FARROKH CHEMICALS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS TAKEN OVER AS ABANDONED PROPERTY, WAS NATIONALIZED UNDER P.O. 27. HENCE, WE DOUBT EXISTING COMPENSATION PROCEDURES APPLY IN THIS CASE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE CONTACT FARROKH CAPTAIN (C/O ARTHUR D. LITTLE, INC., CAMBRIDGE, MASS.) TO INFORM HIM ACTION TAKEN TO DATE IN RESPONSE TO HIS TELEGRAM, AND OFFER HIM CLAIMS FORMS. DOES MR. CAPTAIN HAVE ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS OF ACTIONS WE MIGHT TAKE. AS COPIES OF CLAIMS FORMS SHOULD ALREADY BE AVAILABLE AT NEA/PAB, WE HAVE NOT OBTAINED ADDITIONAL ONES.

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